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1. SUMMARY: APRIL 7 MEETING OF NGO COMMITTEE DISPOSED OF ITS PENDING BUSINESS -- QUESTIONNAIRE, REVIEW PROCEDURES, PROCEDURES FOR CONSIDERING NEW APPLICATIONS, AND UN-NGO RELATIONS -- IN A RAPID BUSINESSLIKE MEETING. EXTRANEIOUS ISSUES SUCH AS RACISM-ZIONISM DID NOT ARISE. END SUMMARY.

2. NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE MET ON APRIL 7 TO COMPLETE AGENDA ITEMS LEFT PENDING FROM THE FEBRUARY MEETING (SEE REFTEL). IN EXTREMELY BUSINESSLIKE ATMOSPHERE, COMMITTEE RAPIDLY AGREED TO THE FOLLOWING:

(A) QUESTIONNAIRE FOR NGO APPLICANTS: IN ADDITION TO SECRETARIAT REVISIONS CONTAINED IN E/C.2/L.39, THE COMMITTEE AGREED ON THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL QUESTION TO BE INCORPORATED IN THE QUESTIONNAIRE: "INDICATE

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WITH SPECIFIC EXAMPLES WAYS IN WHICH YOUR ORGANIZATION HAS DEMONSTRATED ITS SUPPORT FOR THE WORK, PURPOSES AND PRINCIPLES OF THE UNITED NATIONS".

(B) PROCEDURES FOR CONSIDERING APPLICATIONS: COMMITTEE AGREED THAT NGO SECRETARIAT WOULD DISTRIBUTE APPLICATIONS AS THEY ARE COMPLETED RATHER THAN ISSUE A SINGLE DOCUMENT

PRIOR TO THE COMMITTEE MEETING, THAT THE COMMITTEE WOULD MEET BIENNIALY, AND THAT SPECIAL SESSIONS COULD BE CONVENED WHEN NECESSARY (PRESUMABLY TO DEAL WITH ACCUMULATED APPLICATIONS).

(C) REVIEW OF NGOS IN CONSULTATIVE STATUS: COMMITTEE ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING DECISION: "HAVING REGARD TO THE PROVISIONS OF RESOLUTION 1296 (XLIV), THE COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS INVITES NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS IN CONSULTATIVE STATUS TO SUBMIT TO IT BEFORE JUNE 30, 1978 REPORTS OF THEIR ACTIVITIES COVERING THE PAST FOUR YEARS. THE ATTENTION OF THE NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS IS DRAWN TO THE FACT THAT THESE REPORTS ARE INTENDED TO ENABLE THE COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESOLUTION 1296 (XLIV) AND RESOLUTION 1919 (LVIII) TO DETERMINE THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE NGOS HAVE COMPLIED WITH THE PRINCIPLES GOVERNING THEIR CONSULTATIVE STATUS AND HOW THEIR ACTIVITIES HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE WORK OF THE UNITED NATIONS."

(D) RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE UN AND NGOS: THE COMMITTEE SIMPLY NOTED WITH SATISFACTION EFFORTS TO IMPROVE UN-NGO RELATIONS.

(E) FUTURE MEETINGS: COMMITTEE TO MEET ON JULY 11, 1977 TO REVIEW REQUESTS BY NGOS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 63RD ECOSOC AND IN JANUARY 1978 (BEFORE THE 1978 ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION OF ECOSOC) TO CONSIDER PENDING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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APPLICATIONS.

3. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THIS SESSION, TWO DELEGATES (CHILE AND UK) TOOK THE FLOOR TO EXPRESS THEIR CONCERN THAT NGOS WERE PERMITTING POLITICALLY BIASED PERSONS TO SPEAK IN THEIR BEHALF AND TO ATTACK INDIVIDUAL MEMBER STATES. THE STATEMENTS WERE FOR THE RECORD AND NO ACTION WAS REQUESTED. COMMITTEE IS TO MEET APRIL 11 TO APPROVE ITS REPORT TO ECOSOC.

4. COMMENT: THIS SESSION WAS IN SHARP CONTRAST TO THE POLEMICS OF THE FEBRUARY MEETING. WE SUSPECT THAT THE SOVIETS DROPPED THEIR EFFORTS TO INTRODUCE RACISM-ZIONISM INTO THE QUESTIONNAIRE AND REVIEW PROCEEDINGS WHEN CONFRONTED BY A CLEAR MAJORITY OPPOSING THEM. IN THIS REGARD, GHANA AND KENYA LINED UP SOLIDLY WITH US IN OPPOSING ANY EFFORT TO GO BEYOND THE CRITERIA CONTAINED IN RESOLUTION 1296 AND IN WORKING OUT THE

LANGUAGE REPORTED ABOVE. THE IRAQI REP, THOUGH  
OPPOSED ON SUBSTANCE, CONTINUED TO TAKE A LOW POSTURE.  
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